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MINUTES OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY WATER BOARD

Tuesday, November 12, 2013
6:30 a.m.
110 South Main Street
Springville, Utah 84663

ATTENDANCE

Councilmember
Richard Child

Secretary
Marcie Clark

Board Members
Alton Beck
Nile Hatch
Calvin Crandall - excused
Rollin Hotchkiss

City Staff
Brad Stapley – Public Works Director
Shawn Barker – Water Superintendent

Guests: Rod Andrew, Nestle

The minutes from the October 2013 meetings were reviewed. Mr. Beck made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hatch seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Hotchkiss reviewed the council recommendations that were made last month. Mr. Hatch suggested changing “water bill” to “water consumption” on the recommendation.

Item #1: Mr. Stapley reviewed the Canyon water user water rates, what has already been put into motion, what has already been agreed to, and what he will be taking to Council. He has not contacted canyon water users yet. This really needs to be taken to City Council in December, before the new council members begin in January. Mr. Stapley would like Mr. Hotchkiss to attend that council meeting and help present the information.

Item #2: Water Rate Structures. Mr. Stapley said we need to discuss the strategy the water board wants to use in the discussion on tiered water rates that we’ll take back to Council. Mr. Hatch will start looking at water data so the board can review the current water structure. Mr. Stapley believes the City only keeps the last three years of data. Cl. Child would like to find out how many complaints we have had about the tiered rates. Mr. Stapley doesn’t think there have been that many complaints about the tiers, but more about the number of days between readings. We have corrected that with a “smoothing formula”. Mr. Hatch would like to look at consumption before and after the tiered rate was implemented. How has the tiered rate changed their consumption? Mr. Hotchkiss would like to review the reasons for it such as water conservation plans required by the federal government and water rights. Mr. Beck recommended we leave the rate structure as it is. It could open a can of worms. Mr. Hatch talked about evapotranspiration – measure of temperature and evaporation and effectively how much water is required by us. The tiered rates were not set to generate revenue. Mr. Beck also mentioned the resources the City has, such as the 10th South Well, that have improved since this rate structure was implemented. Mr. Andrew mentioned the different ways Nestle has reduced their water consumption over the past 10 years, but producing more than ever. Part of the motivation for this is because the CEO of Nestle is on the water board for the world.

Mr. Stapley reviewed the progress of the secondary water project (Bartholomew Pond) that is currently going on.

The Council asked the Water Board to look at other communities and compare what they are doing with water rates and other things. Mr. Stapley doesn’t want to take too much information to the council and dilute the real issue before them. Mr. Hatch thinks it is important to look at neighboring states, not just local communities.

January 14, 2014
Approved

1 Mr. Hotchkiss asked about adding water into Hobble Creek through the new pipeline along 400 East. Mr. Stapley
2 said water has been added at the valve station on 400 East all summer. Mr. Hotchkiss stated it was only 5 cfs this
3 past summer during irrigation. He doesn't believe water was added. Mr. Stapley will check with Lee Wimmer from
4 Central Utah Water Conservancy District.
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6 Mr. Beck asked for an update on water supply. Mr. Barker mentioned there was a decline in the spring flows this
7 year. Upper Spring Creek is typically producing 1100 gpm. This year it got down to 700 gpm. Bartholomew Spring
8 stayed consistent. It got down to 900 gpm. There wasn't the high flow in the spring that we have been used to. Burt
9 Springs at the mouth of Hobble Creek Canyon is pumping 2100 gpm as of today. The wells produced really well this
10 year. We are looking at using the Evergreen well for watering the cemetery. We need to test the water and what
11 effect it will have on headstones. Mr. Barker is currently working with Hansen, Allen & Luce, Inc. on the water
12 system efficiency study, which will tell us how to better run our entire system. We're working on projects with Burt
13 Springs level control and 9th South Well VFD. We are doing a lot of things to increase efficiency and effectiveness
14 and using our resources better.
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16 Mr. Barker reported the water project on Main St. is going well. The contractor may start on the east side of the road
17 before the end of the year. Once that project is done, UDOT will come in and resurface the road next summer. We
18 will need to repair a sewer line south of 400 south before they start.
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20 Mr. Hatch moved to adjourn. Mr. Beck seconded.
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22 *Adjourn* – This meeting adjourned at 7:22 a.m.
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